

At the request of *Mr. Crabb*, he was excused by the house from serving as a member of the committee on divorces.

*Mr. Boyer* was appointed to supply the vacancy thereby occasioned.

*Mr. Eccleston* having asked to be excused from serving as a member of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, was refused by the house.

The clerk of the senate delivered the following message; which was read:

By the Senate, January 1, 1829.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have received your message of yesterday proposing to appoint a joint committee from the two houses to contract for such printing as may be required by the legislature during the present session, and concur therein. The senate have appointed *Messrs. Kennedy, Nelson and Forrest*, to join the committee appointed by your house.

By order,

Louis Gassaway, Clk.

And also delivered a report from the clerk of Somerset county court, relative to the attendance of the judges of that court, made pursuant to the direction of the act of November session 1809; received and referred by the senate to the consideration of this house; which report was referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

*Mr. Phelps* presented a petition from *John Charles* of Dorchester county, praying for a divorce.

*Mr. Yoe* presented a petition from *Sarah Sandman*, of Washington county, for a divorce from her husband *Jacob Sandman*.

And a petition from *Eliza Howell*, of the same county, for a divorce from her husband *Isaac Howell*.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the committee on divorces.

*Mr. Yoe* also presented a petition of *John Wallace*, who is now confined in the gaol of Washington county for debt, praying for a special act of insolvency.

*Mr. McMahon* of Baltimore city, presented a petition of *Henry Locker*, of the said city, praying for relief under the insolvent laws of this state.

Ordered, That the two last mentioned petitions be severally referred to the committee on insolvency.

*Mr. Ely* presented a petition of *Arthur M'Lean*, of Baltimore county, praying for a pension, in consideration of his military services during the revolutionary war; which petition was referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.